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After the first paragraph add:

Restraint, however, should be exercised with regard to matters concerning public health. There are already a number of international organizations such as WHO addressing these questions.

Much the same holds for the subject of "peace and disarmament". There is certainly no doubt about human rights being able to develop fully only under conditions of peace and freedom. It is, however, the very respect of human rights that creates the preconditions for peace and freedom. The contribution of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to the maintenance of peace should therefore consist in concrete measures aiming at the realization of the human rights of the individual. What is necessary, in particular, is more rigorous implementation of international human rights standards that are already in existence. In order not to weaken the efficiency of the Commission on Human Rights in this key area of its activities, general questions concerning the maintenance of peace and concrete measures in the field of arms control should continue to be dealt with in the United Nations bodies specifically designed for these tasks such as the Conference on Disarmament or the First Committee of the General Assembly.

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